

Case Nos. 16-56057 (L), 16-56287

In the
United States Court of Appeals
for the
Ninth Circuit

MICHAEL SKIDMORE, as Trustee for the Randy Craig Wolfe Trust,
Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

LED ZEPPELIN, JAMES PATRICK PAGE, ROBERT ANTHONY PLANT,
JOHN PAUL JONES, SUPER HYPE PUBLISHING, INC.,
WARNER MUSIC GROUP CORPORATION, WARNER CHAPPELL MUSIC, INC.,
ATLANTIC RECORDING CORPORATION,
and RHINO ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY,
Defendants-Appellees.

*Appeal from a Decision of the United States District Court for the Central District of California,
Case No. 2:15-cv-03462-RGK-AGR · Honorable R. Gary Klausner*

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Amici Curiae are copyright law professors at schools throughout the United States. Amici have no personal interest in the outcome of this case, but have a professional interest in seeing that copyright law develops in a way that is logical and clear and that achieves the Constitutional objective of promoting the progress of science. A list of signatories is attached in Appendix A.

No one other than amici has funded or participated in the drafting of this brief.

This case presents an issue central to almost every copyright case: the proper standard for assessing infringement. That is an issue that this Court has not confronted en banc in decades, if ever. Having the input of some of the leading legal scholars in the country on the issue will assist the Court in crafting the correct legal standard and avoiding inadvertently enshrining imprecise language into the law of the Circuit for decades to come.

Petitioner Led Zeppelin has consented to the filing of this brief. Cross-petitioner Skidmore was contacted but has neither consented nor refused consent.

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Appendix A
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